

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 669

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Carl Baker of
Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Carl Baker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Davidson County, Mr. Baker was the loving son of the late Carl and Nannie Griffin Cage Baker; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated scholar who attended Cumberland University from 1939 to 1941; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker served with acumen as the owner and operator of the former Ben Franklin Store in Lafayette for 38 years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for his integrity as a businessman; and

WHEREAS, Carl Baker was an important part of his community, serving the City of Lafayette as a founding member of the Lafayette Rotary Club, a Boy Scout Leader, and as an Assistant Football Coach at Macon County High School. Mr. Baker also received the prestigious Long Rifle Award; and

WHEREAS, he valiantly served his country as a Bombardier Instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker bravely flew 54 combat missions; he attained the rank of First Lieutenant and earned two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, and the Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Lafayette First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Carl Baker was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker enjoyed the loving companionship of Evelyn Welty Baker, who survives him; and he will be greatly missed by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Cecile Agan and John; sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. William and Terry Baker; Carl Andy and Jane Baker, and Jon Baker; and

WHEREAS, Carl Baker was wholly devoted to his eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Carl Baker, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Carl Baker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.